

MEMO

TO: North Dakota School Administrators and Nurses
FROM: Jenny Galbraith
Immunization Surveillance Coordinator
RE: 2019-2020 School Immunization Survey
DATE: September 23, 2019

North Dakota Administrative Code (33-06-05) requires schools to complete the 2019-2020 School Immunization Survey. The survey must be submitted online at https://ndhealth.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25Y0lpQm1diGI73 no later than November 8, 2019. If you would like a copy of your school's survey, remember to save or print the pdf on the last page of the survey.

North Dakota school immunization requirements have been updated for the 2019-2020 school year. A second dose of varicella is now required for eleventh grade entry. The updated requirements are available on the following page or on the North Dakota Department of Health's (NDDoH) Immunization Program website: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Schools-ChildCare/>. The website also contains instructions on how to complete the survey, a blank copy of the school survey, and our 2019-2020 School Immunization Toolkit. If there are additional resources you would find useful, or need translated into another language, please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.3365 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.

Schools may have access to the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS), the statewide immunization registry. If your school is interested in having access, or you have any questions on how to use NDIIS, please visit www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/NDIIS.

North Dakota Century Code 23-01-17 and Administrative Rules 33-06-05 state that it is the school's responsibility to enforce the immunization requirements. The district and individual school employees may be liable for harm to students injured if a non-compliant student is allowed to attend school and spreads a vaccine-preventable disease to compliant students as a result of the employees' failure to comply with state immunization laws. Even a small drop in immunization rates can lead to outbreaks. Many vaccine preventable diseases are extremely contagious and will quickly spread through a school if immunization rates are lower than 95 percent.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.2335 or toll-free at 800.472.2180 with any questions or concerns regarding the school immunization survey.

Enclosure

cc: Local public health units